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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device, comprising:

a first tibia base plate comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said first tibia base plate:

an insert comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said insert, said insert adapted to be positioned above said first base plate, said insert and said first base plate having a first configuration, wherein said insert is translationally fixed to said first base plate and rotatable relative to said first base plate; [[and]]

a connector rotatably connecting said insert to said first tibia base plate; and

at least one removable pin having a first portion and a second portion, said first portion of said pin configured to engage an opening formed in said outer perimeter side surface of said first base plate and said second portion of said pin configured to engage an opening formed in said outer perimeter side surface of said insert to thereby prevent relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said first base plate is comprised of a metal.

Claim 3 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said insert is comprised of a nonmetallic material

Claims 4 and 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said pin is secured in an opening in said first base plate by at least one of a press-fit connection, a threaded

connection, and a sintered connection.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has an outer surface that

is substantially flush with said outer perimeter side surface of one of said first base plate and said

insert.

Claims 8 and 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said openings in said first tibia

base plate and said insert are formed on anterior portions of said outer perimeter side surfaces of

said first base plate and said insert, respectively.

Claim 11 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has at least one of a circular,

rectangular and square cross-sectional configuration.

Claim 12 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has a smooth exterior surface.

Claim 13 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has at least one projection formed

on an exterior surface of said pin.

Claim 14 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein said pin is comprised of a metal.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A device, comprising:

a first tibia base plate comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer

perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said first

tibia base plate:

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an insert comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface

extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said insert, said insert adapted to

be positioned above said first base plate, said insert and said first base plate having a first configuration, wherein said insert is translationally fixed to said first base plate and rotatable

relative to said first base plate; [[and]]

a means for rotatably connecting said insert to said first tibia base plate; and

a removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base

plate, wherein, when installed, a first portion of said removable means is configured to engage an opening formed in said outer perimeter side surface of said first base plate and a second portion

of said removable means is configured to engage an opening formed in said outer perimeter side

surface of said insert to thereby prevent relative rotation between said insert and said first base

plate.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for

preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate comprises a removable

pin.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said first base plate is

comprised of a metal.

Claim 19 (original): The device of claim 15, wherein said insert is comprised of a nonmetallic

material.

Claim 20 (canceled)

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Claim 21 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate has an outer surface that

is substantially flush with said outer perimeter side surface of one of said first base plate and said

insert.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of said

removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate is

secured in an opening in said first base plate by at least one of a press-fit connection, a threaded

connection and a sintered connection

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said openings in said first

tibia base plate and said insert are formed on anterior portions of said outer perimeter side

surfaces of said first base plate and said insert, respectively.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for

preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate has at least one of a

circular, rectangular and square cross-sectional configuration.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for

preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate has a smooth exterior

surface.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for

preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate has at least one

projection formed on an exterior surface of said removable means.

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Claim 28 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said first base plate is comprised of a metal.

Claims 29-42 (canceled)